

Bishop To Tour Flood Damaged Areas

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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) today announced plans to tour the flood damaged areas of Southwest Georgia tomorrow, Tuesday, April 7, 2009. Last week, heavy rains caused widespread flooding in Southern Georgia, including the second district counties of Brooks, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Lowndes, Mitchell, Baker and Miller.

“My thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of the counties affected by the flooding, especially those who have suffered damage to their homes and possessions,” Bishop said. “Tomorrow, I will accompany officials from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency as they begin the process of assessing the damage to our area. Most importantly, I want everyone to know that my office is available and will continue to provide assistance and the most up-to-the-minute information as this situation develops.”

Tomorrow, officials from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) will be on the ground to begin the process of individual damage assessments. Public assessments will be conducted at a later date once the floodwaters have receded.

Currently, local and state emergency and public works personnel, volunteers, humanitarian organizations and other private interest groups are providing the emergency assistance required to protect the public's health and safety.

According to GEMA, other affected second district counties include Crisp, Dougherty, Grady, Lee, Muscogee, Thomas and Worth.

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